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To Nancy Rumrill/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject Permit for Lahaina Wastewater Center

Aloha Nancy,

My name is Kecia Joy I am writing on behalf of myself as a marine biologist to address the conditions that I feel should be placed on the permit for the underground injection control issue. I am very concerned about the health of our reefs here in Hawaii and a great deal of research has uncovered some major problems associated with injections wells that are damaging the vital coral reef ecosystem. This water needs to be better filtered and cleaned. For example, there is no UV treatment leading to a high degree of bacteria and viruses in the ocean. I would like to respectfully request that conditions be placed on this upcoming permit such as a requirement to reuse waste water in a more productive and positive way like irrigating much needed dry (fire hazard) belt ways and providing a large unit for water storage for when there is a major fire. This would help reduce the amount of wastewater that is pumped into the injection wells as well. I also request that the EPA visit Maui for a public hearing so that you can know how many are concerned and for you to look at the areas of concern. I realize these things would be costly, but as a taxpayer, I request that funds be allocated to deal with this very important matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kecia Joy